

Ensuring accessible and affordable health care was a special concern for Don. He served ten years on the Harris County Hospital Board and was a leader in extending Neighborhood Health Centers to all parts of Harris County, bringing health care to low-income people in their own neighborhoods. Don also served on the Texas State Health Board as a Consumer Representative. One of his major accomplishments was to help spur a statewide reexamination of nursing home practices.

Don also served for years on the United Way Board of Trustees and as a Boy Scout Leader. He spent his vacations at campgrounds for Scouts. Another organization that benefited from his participation is the Public Forum, a think tank at the University of Houston.

Retirement has not ended Don Horn's commitment and activism, as he is still active in recruiting union retirees for the Harris County AFL-CIO.

Don has been blessed with a devoted wife, Ruth, and three children, Melvin, George, and Sharon. He has one granddaughter, Ashley, with another granddaughter expected. He is an elder of the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Don A. Horn for his thirty years of service to organized labor and Harris County. His contributions to the labor movement and our community will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO REV. WILBERT SPIVEY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, this weekend will witness a tribute to Rev. Wilbert Spivey. Rev. Spivey is being honored for his many years of service to his church community as well as the community at large.

Rev. Spivey is a life-long resident of Montclair, New Jersey. I am honored to serve a portion of Montclair as its Representative in this esteemed body. Rev. Spivey has a wonderful zeal for life and all it entails in making life more comfortable—physically and spiritually. Rev. Spivey has served the St. Paul Baptist Church for more than 40 years in various capacities including Youth Ministry Director, Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Music Ministry (Male Chorus and Gospel Chorus), Wednesday Evening Bible School Instructor and Noontime Bible study teacher. Currently, Rev. Spivey is the Minister to Senior Adults.

Although quite active in the church, Rev. Spivey has taken his commitment to the Montclair community just as seriously. He has served as a past President of the Glenfield PTA. In 1995, he retired from his position as an x-ray technician with the East Orange Veterans Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, the Bible speaks of there being a season for everything. Rev. Spivey has spent his life living to his full potential and working to make sure that others have the same opportunity. I am sure my colleagues will join me as I extend my best wishes to him and his family—his wife, the former Sylvia McCormick; their three children, Michael,

Deborah and Lori; and their two grandchildren, Joya and Tommy; and, of course, his church family at St. Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. V. DuWayne Battle.

HONORING ELTA CEOLE SPEIGHT OF PASADENA, TX

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Elta Ceole Speight of Pasadena, Texas, for her many contributions to the community, including 30 years of service as political director for the Harris County AFL-CIO Council. One of only three women to hold that position with the Council, she has been a leader on many fronts, including rights and opportunities for women, organized labor, and education.

Ceole Speight is best known for her outstanding contributions as a dedicated leader in the labor movement in Texas. Born in Louisiana, she moved to Texas after marrying her husband, Joe Speight, a former labor organizer, and quickly became involved in organized labor herself. She volunteered for the Women's Auxiliary Division of the Harris County AFL-CIO and became one of the organization's most dependable and hardest-working volunteers, recruiting friends and neighbors as well as her four children, Jean, Kenny, Calvin, and Glenn, when extra volunteers were needed. On July 1, 1968, Ceole Speight became the Harris County AFL-CIO's Women's Activities Director. Ceole is also a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union and of the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

Ceole Speight has also been deeply committed to providing a quality education to all children. She served in all the elected positions of the Parent Teachers Association during her children's school years. In 1997 and 1998, the Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Fund named a scholarship after her to recognize her concern for and generous contribution to education.

In all her endeavors, Ceole Speight has been a pioneer for women. A member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, she has worked to ensure that the concerns of working women are not forgotten. Her leadership culminated in her appointment by former Texas Governor Mark White to serve on the Governor's Commission for Women.

Ceole Speight is also deeply committed to making our Nation's political process work for all Americans, as reflected in her efforts to encourage her fellow citizens to register and vote. She is a deputy voter registrar for Harris County and offers classes of instruction for voter registrars. She has also been active in politics at the precinct level and as a member of the League of Women Voters. She continues to serve as a member of the Texas State Democratic Executive Committee.

Ceole Speight has been a leader in many respects, but most of all through her own example. She has been a resource and inspiration for many young Texans. In 1991, the Texas Legislature passed a well-deserved resolution recognizing her many contributions. I join in congratulating and thanking Ceole Speight for all that she has done for organized

labor, education, women, and our community as a whole. Her contributions will endure for years to come.

THE NO SECOND CHANCES FOR MURDERERS, RAPISTS, OR CHILD MOLESTERS ACT OF 1998

HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, more than 14,000 murders, rapes, and sexual assaults on children are committed each year by individuals who have been released into our neighborhoods after serving a prison sentence for rape, murder, or child molestation. Think about it: every one of these crimes is preventable. These perpetrators were behind bars, convicted of heinous crimes, yet were released to prey on the population again. This is unconscionable, indefensible, and must stop. I am committed to seeing that it stops, which is why today I am introducing the "No Second Chances For Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act." The legislation will encourage States to keep the most violent offenders off of the streets.

Public safety demands that we keep these people behind bars. Second chances may be fine for a petty thief. However, I don't believe that individuals who have murdered, raped, or molested a child, should have the opportunity to repeat their criminal behavior.

We can prevent the repeat carnage if we simply have the will to keep these offenders in prison for life. It may be stating the obvious, but the fact is that last year, not a single murderer, rapist, or child molester in prison victimized an innocent person in the community. Unfortunately, all too many who were released went on to commit these brutal crimes again.

Among the crimes committed by released recidivists were these senseless tragedies:

In 1997, Arthur J. Bomar Jr. was charged in Pennsylvania with the rape and murder of George Mason University star athlete, Aimee Willard. Bomar had been paroled in 1990 from a Nevada prison, following an eleven year stint in prison for murder. Even in prison he had a record of violence. Bomar is also being investigated for involvement in at least two other homicides that followed his release.

Laurence Singleton raped and physically mutilated Mary Vincent in California. She showed extraordinary courage and perseverance by surviving the attack and working for his conviction. He was sent to jail, where he should have stayed. Yet because of weaknesses in our criminal justice system, he was later released, and he murdered Roxanne Hayes in Florida. Again in large measure because of Ms. Vincent's efforts, Singleton was recently sentenced to death in Florida.

Robert Simon killed his girlfriend for refusing to engage in sexual relations with his motorcycle gang. For this crime, Simon spent 12 years in a Pennsylvania prison. Eleven weeks after he was paroled, he was arrested for killing a New Jersey police officer, Ippolito "Lee" Gonzalez. A New Jersey jury would later sentence Simon to death for this crime. The judge who had sentenced Simon in Pennsylvania on his first murder conviction, had written to the state parole board that Simon "should never